

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Gregory H. Milby, et al.	§	Group Art Unit:	2175
Serial No.	09/733,530	§	Examiner:	Samuel G. Rimell
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For:	MANAGING ALLOCATION OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT FILES IN A DATABASE SYSTEM	§ § § § § §	Atty. Dkt. No.:	9362 (NCR.0027US)

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DECLARATION OF DAN C. HU

Dear Sir:


I, Dan C. Hu, state as follows:

1. I am the patent attorney responsible for preparing the above-referenced patent application.
2. I received a disclosure (attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Gregory H. Milby, Steven C. Grolemond, and Susan E. Choo) for purposes of preparing a patent application on the above-referenced invention on or around August 23, 2000 (*see* Exhibit 1, attached).
3. Upon receiving the disclosure, it was immediately placed in line to be prepared.
4. Generally, the number of applications we had in preparation at the time required that it take about three months to prepare a draft of the application.
5. In this case, a first draft was completed by November 24, 2000.
6. The application was sent out for inventor review on November 24, 2000 (*see* Exhibit 2 attached).
7. Shortly thereafter, the inventor provided comments on the patent application, and the application was revised accordingly (*see* Exhibit 2 attached).
8. On December 6, 2000, a second draft of the application was sent to the inventors for their review (*see* Exhibit 3, attached).
9. The application was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on December 8, 2000.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

Jan. 7, 2004



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